GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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CLOSURE OF RETAIL PETROL DIESEL OUTLETS .
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a): whether a large number of retail petrol/diesel pumps and kerosene depots have been closed in the State of Gujarat during the last two years;

(b): if so, the details thereof; and

(c): the steps the Government propose to take to allot these petrol pumps and kerosene depots to some other eligible persons through appropriate channels?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MI OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) & (b): While there had been no case of termination of SKO-LDO dealership by the oilcompanies in the state of Gujarat during the last two years, i.e., 1999-2000 and 2000-2001, 21 retail outlet dealerships were terminated by oil companies in the State during the said period.

(c): As per procedure, oil companies can develop new Retail Outlets (ROs) in lieu of thedecommissioned ones including the 21 ROs terminated in State of Gujarat in 1999-2000 and 2000-2001, either at the old location or at alternate location anywhere in the country, depending on the trade potential of the location. These new ROs are operated by new dealers,who are appointed after following prescribed procedure. And, in the interim period, the companies can also operate such ROs on `Company Owned Company Operated` basis.